Secretary of State Board of Health ex officio member of Board.

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Powers and duties of unified board of directors.

Report to

expiration of their respective terms of office all appointments shall be for a term of five years, except such as are made to fill unexpired terms. The Secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health shall be an ex officio member of said board of directors. The Governor shall transmit to the Senate at the next session of the General Assembly, for confirmation, the names of the persons appointed by him. Nine directors shall constitute a quorum, except when three are by law engaged to act for special purposes.

"In case of a vacancy or vacancies in the board of directors for any cause, his or her successor or successors shall be appointed by the Governor and the appointment shall be reported to the next succeeding session of the Senate of the General Assembly of North Carolina for confirmation.

"Members of the board shall serve for terms as prescribed above, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall have the power to remove any member of the board whenever in his opinion it is to the best interest of the State to remove such person, and the Governor shall not be required to give any reason for such removal."

SEC. 3. That Section six thousand one hundred and fiftynine (b) of Volume III of the Consolidated Statutes is hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"SEC. 6159 (b). Wherever in any of the sections of this chapter and in the sections under Article twelve, Chapter ninetysix of the Consolidated Statutes, the board of directors or board of trustees is referred to, it shall be construed that the unified board of directors of the said institutions shall have all the powers conferred and duties imposed heretofore upon the separate boards of directors or board of trustees of the several institutions herein mentioned and said powers and duties shall be exercised and performed as to each of the institutions by the unified board of directors herein provided for; and the said board shall be responsible for the management of the said institutions and the disbursement of appropriations made for the maintenance and permanent enlargement and repairs of the said institutions, subject to the provisions of the Executive Budget Act, and said board shall make an annual report to the Governor, and oftener if called for by him, of the condition of each of the said institutions and shall make biennial reports to the Governor, to be transmitted by him to the General Assembly, of all moneys received and disbursed by each of said institutions. Wherever the words "board of directors" or "board of trustees" are used in any of the laws of this State with reference to the institutions enumerated in Section six thousand one hundred and fifty-nine (a), as rewritten above, the same shall mean the unified board of directors provided for in Section six thousand one hundred and fifty-nine (a) above.